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None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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One additional fact came to light. The desk officer and the NE/ officer had not reached any prior understanding of what the requirement really was. As it was passed along to me finally it had added up to a request for materials for a complete course. This is apparently not the case at all and we have now settled on the preparation of a notebook including a proposed syllabus, plus some examples of how sections of the syllabus can be worked up into complete textual form. This will be in NE's hands by Friday and they will take it from

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but since I can't document this feeling we'll go along with them. It certainly makes SIC's task easier since we'll be able to use many materials already at hand. F

25X1A 2. I am quite disturbed by some of the comments which [redacted] passed along to me yesterday afternoon about the results of the consultant's meetings and particularly about the lecture which they heard. With reference to the program he used the terms "academic" and "pedestrian", and about the lecture, "rather thin" and "not up to date."

25X1A In so far as the program is concerned - while my explanation of it may very well have been pedestrian - I find it hard to understand how they have arrived at this serious judgement. If by "academic" they mean something which is previously known to the JOTs I feel that they are quite wrong. In so far as the specific lecture is concerned, it may have been dull - economic planning is not one of the more colorful of our subjects - but again I would take issue with its being "thin", and more particularly, "out of date." Once we knew that they would attend this particular lecture [redacted] and I went over what he planned to cover, and the fact is that he related it directly to several current OCI requirements and raised some problems which the Soviets themselves are just becoming aware of and writing about. 25X1A Bob discussed these problems with [redacted] when he was at Harvard, and has kept abreast of speculation about them since he left. He didn't pose as an "expert" - there are none in this field - but his remarks certainly reflected the most recent OCI and ORR thought on the subject derived from several recent articles in the OCI Weekly.

25X1A 3. The closed circuit TV set-up is apparently now well in hand. The Security Office has been experimenting with one which will be made available for our use - possibly in time to have a dry-run before the live performance.

25X1A 4. We have now been "sweating-out" [redacted] return for the past three days. He is due for his first lecture on Friday, but in spite of frequent assurances by the desk that his arrival is imminent - still no [redacted] I am confident that if he can possibly make it, he will. He's conscientious, and he realizes also that we'd be in a tough spot if he didn't show. However, we're past the finger-crossing stage and those designated as understudies in his particular Chinese lectures are now resorting to prayer.

25X1A 5. Monday morning brought around my annual tour up to 1717 H to brief the Contact Division [redacted] representatives on "Current Developments in International Communism." They have always been an interested and apparently appreciative audience. This is one of the easier speaking assignments within the Agency.

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6. Tutorial Training:

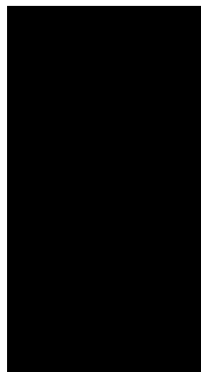
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26 October	8 hours
27 October	8 hours
28 October	8 hours
29 October	8 hours

7. Non-Agency Presentations:

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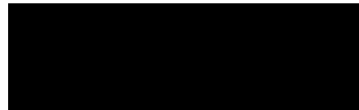
28 October - SIS
"Basis of Communist Thought"

29 October - SIS
"Development and Status of
the Communist Party "

29 October - SIS
"Communist Strategy and Tactics"

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"Communist Movement Today"

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